

Magnet Operation

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The guidance provided in this letter is for healthcare providers and Medtronic representatives and applies to the following Medtronic device models:

- All Medtronic Implantable Pulse Generator (IPG) and Cardiac Resynchronization Pacemakers (CRT-P), Models, both MR Conditional and non-MR Conditional, whose Instructions For Use (IFU) include recommendations for application of a magnet to induce magnet operation - asynchronous pacing for specific clinical applications.
- This **excludes all Micra™ transcatheter pacemakers**
- Magnet application may also be used to check for elective replacement indicators (ERI) in IPG and CRT-P devices.
- The IFU may also suggest use of a magnet to inhibit sensing of electromagnetic interference (EMI) for specific medical procedures.
- Consult the appropriate individual device/clinician manual for specific guidance under which magnet operation is recommended.

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- All Medtronic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICD) and Cardiac Resynchronization Defibrillator (CRT-D) Models, both MR Conditional and non-MR Conditional, whose Instructions For Use (IFU) include recommendations for application of a magnet to inhibit detection of electromagnetic interference (EMI) for specific medical procedures.
- Magnet application on an ICD/CRT-D device will **not** initiate asynchronous pacing.
- Magnet application on an ICD/CRT-D device may be used to check device status alerts.
- Consult the appropriate individual device/clinician manual for specific guidance under which magnet operation is recommended.

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This Standard Letter addresses Magnet Operation: This document is useful to health care professionals who perform medical procedures on patients with Medtronic implanted cardiac device systems and who consult with the patients' cardiologists.

Description

- The Model 9466 Patient Magnet is a blue coated, ring-shaped magnet.



Technical specifications

Shape	Ring
Size	Approx. 75 mm (3") diameter x 16 mm (5/8") thick
Materials	Ferrous alloys coated with epoxy
Minimum field strength	90 gauss measured 40 mm (1.5") from magnet surface

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Storage and handling

- The magnet could damage some electronic devices if kept too close.
- Keep the magnet at least 15 cm (six inches) from electronic devices and recordings: VCRs, televisions, and videotapes; bank and credit cards, cordless and cellular telephones, computers, diskettes, calculators, etc.
- Keep the magnet at least 5 cm (two inches) from watches and clocks.
- If soiled, the magnet can be wiped clean with a soft cloth or a sponge or washed with a non-abrasive cleanser. The magnet is not damaged by being submerged in water.

General IPG or CRT-P MAGNET OPERATION

When initiating the Magnet Mode, the pacemaker switches to an asynchronous mode and paces at the magnet rate.

Magnet Modes are as follows:

- DOO in modes with dual chamber pacing, VOO in the VDD mode, and VOO/AOO in single chamber modes.
- Magnet rate for normal operation is 85 bpm (705 ms) for all modes.
- Magnet rate is 65 bpm (923 ms) when Recommended Replacement Time (RRT/ERI) is set or a full electrical reset has occurred.

Note: For the purpose of determining Magnet Modes, the AAI \leftrightarrow DDD and AAIR \leftrightarrow DDDR modes are considered dual chamber modes.

Specifically For Azure/Percepta/Serena/Solara:

- When a magnet is placed near the device, the pacing mode changes from the programmed mode to DOO, VOO, or AOO. The pacing rate changes to 100 bpm for 5 beats and then changes to 85 bpm or 65 bpm, as previously described.
- Placing a magnet near the device suspends tachyarrhythmia detection.
- When the magnet is removed, the device returns to its programmed operation.

Note: Magnet operation does not occur if telemetry between the device and programmer is established or if the MRI SureScan mode is programmed On.

Note: When the Magnet test is stopped, the pacemaker resumes programmed operation within 2 seconds.

Note: The magnet rate of older Medtronic pacemakers may be different than 85 ppm or 65 ppm. Please refer to the Medtronic Pacemaker and ICD Encyclopedia available on <https://www.medtronicacademy.com/> for the model's specified magnet and non-magnet response.

Directions For Use for IPG or CRT-P

Magnet use for initiating asynchronous pacing in an IPG or CRT-P device:

- Locate the patient's implanted device by gently feeling for the device under the skin (typically in the left or right pectoral area)
- Place the magnet directly over the device.

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ICD or CRT-D Magnet Operation

- When a magnet is placed near the device, tachyarrhythmia detection is suspended and no tachyarrhythmia therapies are delivered.
- Alert tones sound if programmed.
- The device ignores the magnet in the programmer head when telemetry communication is established through the programmer head.
- Before implant and for the first 6 hours after implant, the device will not sound audible tones when a magnet is placed over the device.

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Warnings:

- The ICD suspends its tachyarrhythmia detection and therapy operations while the magnet is in place.
- Removing the magnet restores the ICD to its programmed operation.
- The magnet does not affect the ICD's bradycardia pacing operations.
- To ensure tachyarrhythmia therapy if necessary, the patient should not carry, store, or leave the magnet positioned over the ICD.
- The patient should be careful to avoid sources of electromagnetic interference (EMI) while applying the magnet.

Directions for use for ICD or CRT-D

How to suspend or resume detection with a magnet

- To suspend detection, place the magnet (such as the Model 9466 Tachy Patient Magnet) over the device.
- To resume detection, remove the magnet from over the device.

Note: The 2090 and Encore 29901 programming heads contain a magnet. When the 2090 programmer is using wireless telemetry, you can suspend detection by placing the programming head over the device.

PATIENT MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE

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Labeling

Consult the appropriate individual device manual for specific guidance under which magnet operation is recommended.

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Additional comments

For further information please contact the following:

Technical questions: Medtronic Technical Services can answer additional questions regarding these device operations.

Device labeling: For additional device-specific guidance, consult the labeling associated with the device available on the Medtronic Manual Library website at www.medtronic.com/manuals

How to contact U.S. CRM Technical Services: Email: tshelp@medtronic.com

Pacemakers: (800) 505-4636, ICDs: (800) 723-4636, Programmer Support: (800) 638-1991

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